It's all about safe boating FUNdamentals!

Ready for a thrilling water adventure? Imagine kayaking on Big Bear Lake, sailing on Monterey Bay or windsurfing on Humboldt Bay. Non-profit aquatic centers throughout California offer a variety of on-the-water boating courses. Acquiring valuable water safety skills doesn't get any more exhilarating than this!

Funding from the California Department of Boating and Waterways makes hands-on instruction available at a reasonable cost to boaters of all ages. Learn how to operate watercraft from experienced, safety-certified instructors who put the "fun" in fundamentals.

On-the-water fun for everyone

Kids: Classes range in length from single-day programs to one or two week day camps. Kids can focus on learning a single activity or sample several types of boating. Check type and availability at your local center.

Adults: Have a busy schedule? Many locations offer boating instruction on the weekends and at times that fit around work schedules.

Persons with disabilities: Some centers offer a variety of accommodating activities such as paddle sports, water skiing and sailing. Private instruction is available in some locations, as well as courses that integrate the person with a disability into daily programs.

Lots of choices

Classes and programs vary. Check with your local center for a complete listing.

Sailing Personal Watercraft Windsurfing

Wakeboarding Canoeing Surfing*

Waterskiing Kayaking Youth Programs

Open Motorboat Rafting Rowing

No-cost options, too!

Many aquatic centers offer courses at a reduced or no cost. Contact individual centers to see if these options are available.

Always Boat Smart:

* Wear a life iacket

* Boat sober and be considerate of other boaters

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* Carry all gear required

* Be aware of weather and water conditions

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* Know your boat and its limitations

* Keep the waterways clean

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If it's your boat, it's YOUR responsibility.

^{*} Although the Department of Boating and Waterways does not fund surfing because it is not boating related, surfing instruction is available at several aquatic centers.